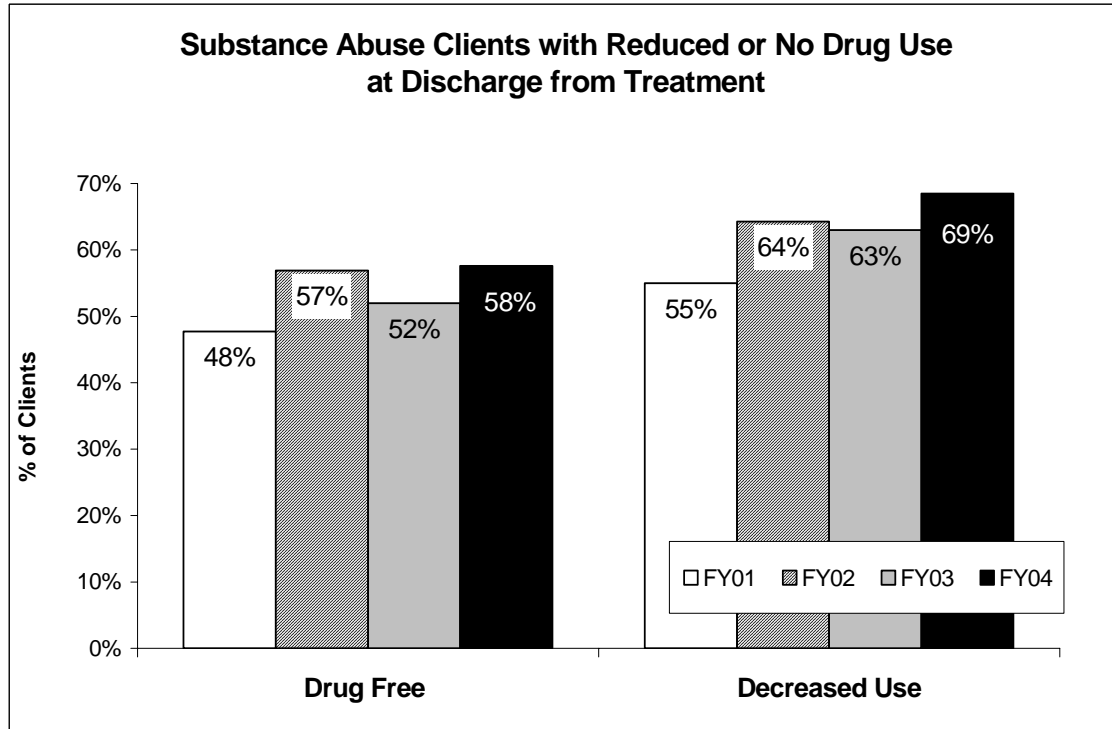


## FREQUENCY OF USE OF PRIMARY DRUG AT DISCHARGE

Source: Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health



**Definition:** Upon admission to substance abuse treatment, each client is assessed to determine the severity/frequency of his or her alcohol and/or other drug use. At that time, the number of days in the past month the client used alcohol or other drugs is documented. Beginning in FY00, clients are re-assessed when they are discharged from treatment.

**Future Actions:** The Division is working to promote the Best Practice Standards, which are treatment practices with proven effectiveness. Using Best Practice Standards, the Division hopes to improve the outcome of treatment.

**Analysis:** The above graph indicates that of those clients who had used substances within a month of entering treatment, 69% had either stopped or reduced their substance use by the end of treatment. 58% reported no use at discharge.